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Briefly

Infant CPR

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., is offering a class for parents, family members and care givers, "Infant CPR and Safety," teaching infant life-saving techniques.

The class will meet in the OB Solarium on the second floor of the Doctors Wing on Tuesday, July 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Advance registration is required.

Taught by a registered nurse, the class teaches techniques that could mean the difference between life and death for an infant. It is not a certification course. Cost is \$10. For more information or to register, persons may call 786-3201.

Rummage sale

The James Stuart DeMolay Chapter's Parents Club will hold a large rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

Hot dogs and beverages will be sold at the event.

Cardinal tickets

Tickets are still on sale at the Wilson Park office for a senior citizens' trip to the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Florida Marlins baseball game Thursday, Aug. 5.

A bus will leave from the Wilson Park ice rink at 6 p.m. and return here after the game. The cost of \$9 includes the bus and a large reserved seat at Busch Stadium.

Granite City Park District residents will have first choice, and non-residents can buy tickets starting July 23.

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
July 14: 6-2-7; Pick 4: 2-6-7-1
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75 years ago

July 15, 1918
Malaria is causing economic losses in Illinois estimated at more than \$4.5 million per year and also creating poverty by curtailing farm production.

Trivia

Who is the "Man in the Red Vest"?
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Disaster declared, aid sanctioned

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison County has been declared a federal disaster area as a result of record flooding on the Mississippi, but so far the local area has remained relatively dry.

A levee break July 8 flooded Chouteau Island north of Granite City, but the Chain of Rocks Landfill on the island remained above water Wednesday and its

operators were building dikes to protect it from the flood water. Military policemen from the Illinois National Guard were called into the area to help control an invasion of sightseers.

In the remainder of the local area, however, no major problems were reported. "I've had people asking 'Why aren't we hearing about you having problems like everyone else?' Well, the reason is we passed a tax increase and spent

Flood donations roll in, 3A

millions of dollars doing what we were supposed to be doing," said Shang Greshouse, president of the Metro East Sanitary District. "Most of the work was 30 or 40 feet under the ground, so people want to know, 'Where did the money go? I don't see anything different.'"

"Well, those people should look

down at their feet now. The thing that's different is their feet are dry."

On Wednesday, the Clinton Administration declared Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties federal disaster areas.

The declaration makes residents affected by the flood eligible for rental assistance, home repairs, unemployment insurance, compensation for loss of business, emergency shelter and other benefits.

The day before, Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a disaster declaration for the three counties, allowing farmers to apply for emergency farm loans, crop loss loans, food coupons and other aid.

At 42.9 feet Wednesday — 12.9 feet above flood stage — the Mississippi River was down slightly from the previous day. Projections from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers called

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Hearing tonight on school taxes

Madison school officials considering tax hike plan

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Residents of the Madison School District are being asked to consider a plan to place an education fund tax increase on the ballot in November.

A proposal to ask voters to approve a property tax rate increase of 75 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation is one of several financial proposals to be discussed at a public hearing at 7 tonight (Thursday) at the Madison Middle School cafeteria, said Superintendent Dan Kostenki.

The district was placed on the state's certified watch list — a list of schools certified to be in financial trouble — earlier this year.

One of the requirements for districts on the certified list is to submit a plan of action to get out of financial trouble to the Illinois State Board of Education for approval. Kostenki said Madison has filed its plan, which includes the education fund tax increase, and the plan has been approved by the state board.

If all of the elements of the plan are implemented and "all other things remain equal," Kostenki said, the district should be operating with a "solid balanced budget" within three years.

"When you are placed on the certified list, the state board almost automatically expects you to ask for some sort of tax increase," Kostenki said. While the education fund tax increase is a long-term step, Kostenki said the state-approved plan also includes a number of immediate steps that need to be publicly discussed.

One of the immediate steps is a \$900,000 bond issue designed to cover the salaries of the certified staff for three months. That bond issue would also involve a tax increase, he said, with the amount of the increase dependent on the terms of the bond sale.

"This (money) eases up other finances in the district and makes it easier to budget," Kostenki said.

Although the district has made a large number of cuts in

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Royal Ranger — Teenager Brad Dickey has more than one hobby to keep him busy. See today's Lifestyle, Page 5A, for story and more photos.

Funding for township assessor challenged

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Some Granite City aldermen say that services provided by the township assessor are duplicated at the county level.

They say that the money budgeted for her office could be better spent on other programs, such as street maintenance, a senior center, youth activities and more financial assistance to the needy.

But Township Assessor Darlene Laub said the move by the

aldermen is motivated by politics and the result of "sour grapes."

Wearing their hats as township trustees Tuesday night, members of the aldermanic Finance Committee asked Township Committee Bill Schooley to revise a proposed 1993-94 township budget, separating expenditures in the assessor's and supervisor's offices.

Five of the aldermen said the request was made so that cuts — drastic cuts — could be made in the assessor's budget.



Milton Laub — "If saving the taxpayers a minimum of \$250,000 a year is 'political,' then let the taxpayers be the judge," Alderman Dan

Partney said. "Let's not beat around the bush. What we're talking about here is the possibility of duplication of services between the township assessor's office and the county (supervisor of assessments) office," said Walter Milton, chairman of the Finance Committee.

In the budget — which covers Township Supervisor Nelson Hagnauer's office as well — presented Tuesday night, Laub's office would receive at least \$250,000 during the fiscal year,

an increase of about \$8,000 over last year.

The exact amount earmarked for the assessor's office was not clear because some expenses in the budget, such as retirement, insurance and other benefits for all township employees, were combined rather than itemized by department.

In addition to Laub, the assessor's office has nine full-time employees.

"In your mind, all those people are justifiable? You can't cut

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Echols condemns 'blue flu'

Plan was 'ill-advised plot,' Mayor says

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Mayor Tyrone Echols does not look fondly on the case of "blue flu" suffered by the Venice Police Department last week.

"This was an ill-advised, ill-conceived plot that could very well have some unpleasant ramifications (for the police officers)," Echols told the City Council on Tuesday night.

Venice police officers scheduled to work July 3 and July 4 failed to show up for their shifts. While the officers called in sick, some of them told a report-

er last month that they were planning a walk-out to protest low wages, antiquated equipment and other working conditions.

"I can sympathize with the officers but I cannot in good conscience justify leaving the citizens unprotected," Echols said.

"They weren't hurting me, the chief of the City Council. It hurt the public safety."



Echols

"To see them prostitute themselves — I don't condone that," Echols said.

"If I knew where the money is, I'd give it up willingly. I have suggested that they hire a bookkeeper to go through our books and find the money."

"But there's just so much money in the barrel. I'll be the first person to vote for more money for the Police Department, but you can't give away what you don't have. And nobody is going to paint me into a corner and make me promise to give away something we don't

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Killer still free, one year later

When Agnes Onesky of Madison thinks about the killer of her 32-year-old granddaughter, it sends her blood pressure soaring.

"That person is out there walking the streets," said Onesky, the 83-year-old grandmother of Jo Ann Dietzel.

"I want to see that person in jail. There are still so many unanswered questions. If someone wanted to harm her, why couldn't they just harm her. Why did they have to kill her?"

Dietzel, of Foster Township, a former Quad City area resident, was found lying in a pool of blood in her Bethany Lane home one year ago Tuesday.

Her body, severely battered, was discovered about 10:45 a.m. July 13 by her eight-year-old daughter and a baby sitter. She had been choked, beaten and stabbed in the stomach with a small baseball bat.

Investigators have been trying to identify two men Dietzel was seen with just hours before her body was found.

"Those two guys are probably the answer we are looking for," said Capt. Robert Hertz of the

Madison County Sheriff's Department.

"It's very possible one or both of them are responsible. We have never been able to locate either one of them."

But the answer will never come for Dietzel's mother, Barbara Onesky, who died of cancer in January. Family members said she talked about the murder until the time of her own death.

"I just wish it could have been solved before she died," Agnes Onesky said. "It's a real pain she couldn't see the murderer go to prison."

Dietzel's murder has been one of the most complicated cases

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(Staff photo by PAM DOPKE-HURD)

Happy birthday — Granite City's Mayor Ron Selph cuts his birthday cake at a surprise birthday party given for him by his staff Tuesday afternoon. The mayor turned 47.

Crime on increase in county

The number of felony crimes may top the charts in Madison County this year, putting a strain on police and courts.

The Madison County State's Attorney's Office filed 973 felony charges as of June 30. If the trend continues, filings could top the 1992 record 1,386 felonies.

The trend has been steadily upward since 1989, when 1,046 were filed. There were 1,321 in 1990 and 1,769 in 1991.

A bigger felony caseload adds to the strain and burden placed on police departments, prosecutors, probation officers, court-house clerks, judges and already overcrowded prisons, officials said.

"It's hard to guess what the statistics will be at the end of the year because crime usually happens in waves. It looks like we'll break the record," Mark Von Nida, administrative assistant for State's Attorney William Haine, said.

Felony cases are generally divided among the county's seven felony prosecutors, and the added cases have more than doubled their expected caseloads.

"We generally would like to assign about 50 cases to each attorney, but we can't seem to get down there," Von Nida said. "When they have the higher caseloads, it makes it harder for them to pay close attention to the lesser offenses."

Police agencies also feel the heat. Officers are usually required to make court appearances as the cases proceed, taking time away from other duties.

"It adds stress on the department," Alton Capt. Rick McCain said. "We have the same number of responsibilities with less officers on the streets. We're also handling more felony offenses with the same number of people. Felonies are more serious crimes so they tend to require more investigation and time in court."

Alton police investigated 291 of the 973 felony cases filed this year.

The Granite City Police Department is responsible for 139 cases, followed by the Madison County Sheriff's Department with 164. The Edwardsville

Police Department has filed 22 cases.

Drug offenses are leading the surge with 249 charges filed. Last year, 343 drug charges were filed.

Drug offenses include possession, delivery, distribution and trafficking of cannabis, cocaine, crack cocaine and heroin.

Alton police are responsible for 60 drug charges, followed by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois with 38.

Officials attribute the felony cases to increased enforcement and the widespread use of drugs.

"We're seeing more and more people getting caught with cocaine and crack cocaine," Nida said. "Years ago, people were mainly sticking to marijuana, but now they're using and selling cocaine on the streets. Drug use tends to lead to other felony crimes as well, officials believe."

"You can expect more burglaries, felony thefts, shootings and murders because of drug use," McCain said. "Drugs are the root of all evil."

—From the Alton Telegraph

Police log

Granite City

DUI, possession arrests

John J. Kudelka III, 17, of the 3000 block of Ash Avenue, was arrested at 2:08 a.m. July 11 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Daniel W. Pritchard, 28, of the 2000 block of Cleveland Boulevard, a passenger in Kudelka's car, was arrested at the same time for disorderly conduct and unlawful possession of cannabis.

An officer reported seeing Pritchard standing next to a blue 1981 Chevrolet Camaro in the parking lot at the 7 Eleven convenience store, 1207 Niederrhous Ave.

Pritchard was arrested for disorderly conduct. He also pos-

sessed two bags containing a total of about 10 grams of marijuana at the time, according to a police report.

Kudelka, who was sitting at the wheel of the car with the engine running, asked the officer how much bail Pritchard would need, the report states.

Kudelka took three field sobriety tests and declined to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Arrest former husband

Roy R. Baker, 48, of the 2500 block of Edwards Street, was arrested at 1:26 a.m. July 13 and charged with violating an order of protection.

An officer was dispatched to the Pit Stop Cafe, 1346 19th St., where an employee told police that Baker, her ex-husband and against whom she has a valid

order of protection, showed up in violation of the order.

Baker was lodged pending \$107 bail.

Woman allegedly beaten

Dennis J. Dumnay, 35, of the 2000 block of Edwards Street, was arrested for battery at 6:07 p.m. July 12.

Cynthia D. Perfetto, 33, of the same block, turned herself in an hour later and was charged with the same offense.

Witnesses told police that Dumnay and Perfetto jumped out of a car in the 2600 block of Edwards Street and beat up a 38-year-old woman who had been walking there. Both Dumnay and Perfetto were released on notices to appear in court.

as Jeffrey W. Carson, 18, of the 1000 block of 26th Street in Granite City, was charged with burglary. Granite City police allege that Carson broke a window at a residence if the 2100 block of Benton Street with the intention of committing a theft. Bond was set at \$30,000.

Phillip Buck, 32, of the 1100 block of 26th Street in Granite City, was charged with attempted residential burglary. Granite City police allege that Buck broke a window at a residence if the 2100 block of Benton Street with the intention of committing a theft. Bond was set at \$30,000.

Terrill S. Basden, 38, of the 2300 block of Nantuxi Road in Granite City was charged with theft of over \$300 value. Granite City police allege that Basden used an automatic teller-machine card to withdraw \$600 from the Granite City Steel Credit Union on May 2. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Jeffrey W. Reinke, also known

as Christopher W. Taylor, 19, of the third block of Gary in Collinsville was charged with burglary. Granite City police allege that Taylor entered a Madison County Sheriff's Department vehicle parked on East 25th Street in Granite City on June 26 with the intent to commit a theft. Bond was set at \$15,000.

and a structure, carrying relocated Chain of Rocks Road over Federal Aid Route 310 (Alton Bypass), located just north of Interstate 270, GenCon Inc., Arnold, Mo., \$4,284,800.

"2.4 miles of patching, milling, curb and gutter removal and replacement, traffic signal modifications, upgrading of an existing pump station and bituminous concrete resurfacing on Illinois 293 from northeast of Big Bend Road to Alexander Street in Granite City. Charles E. Mahoney Co., Belleville, \$1,037,151.

"A concrete deck beam bridge and approaches carrying Tr 303 (Hickory Plains Road) over East Fork Silver Creek, 2 miles north-east of St. Jacob. Illinois Excavator Inc., Ruma, \$346,225.

"Construction of a new concrete pavement on Illinois 143/U.S. Route 67 from State Street, east to Henry Street, and the construction of a new concrete pavement on the Service Road from West of Alton to west of Abby Street and resurface the Service Road from west of Abby Street to east of Market Street.

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Echols said that the officers should have presented their concerns to the City Council rather than walking off the job.

"The other recourse would have been to negotiate with the Police Committee and address the council."

"It won't make Venice have the money, though," Echols said.

But a source within the police department said that the officers have been negotiating with the Police Committee for well over a year, and that letters have been sent to the council.

"What else can we do?" the officer asked.

Police Chief James Bennett said that two officers have subsequently resigned and another must either move into the city or be terminated next week.

He asked for a meeting with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and the aldermen. Police Committee to discuss departmental policy, rules and regulations.

"There is no problem with as long as it's legal," Echols said.

•Dietzel

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sheriff's detectives have investigated, Hertz said.

After several hundred hours of legwork, they are no closer to an arrest.

"We are still active on this case," he said. "It's not a case that has been put on a shelf."

"Every day, something is done with it. We're always interviewing people or checking out new leads. It's always something."

Hertz said detectives have interviewed more than 300 people, resulting in more than 3,000 pages of interviews.

"You would think that if they were innocent, they would have come forward to clear themselves. But no idea where they could be," Hertz said.

"I've been very unhappy about the case since I was assigned to Mike Oneskysky, Jo Ann Dietzel's brother."

They think it was mishandled. "They should have called in the Major Case Squad when they realized they couldn't solve it."

"The Sheriff's Department spends more time writing traffic tickets than they do on murder

He said that the city's financial condition is the result of an eroding tax base and unfunded state mandates.

"Certainly (the officers) deserve more, but where do you get it? They knew that, going into the job," Echols said.

Regarding equipment, Echols said the problem is largely a result of abuse by officers themselves.

"They're tearing (police cars) up," he said.

Echols had no sympathy for the officers complaining about a residency requirement.

He said such a requirement is in place in most cities "and it should be. I've got to live here and these aldermen do, too. I don't think it's asking too much."

Police sources said their other concerns include inconsistent hiring and promotion procedures.

They said an officer was recently promoted even though Bennett suspended him last year for allegedly stealing a gun from evidence.

They also said some officers are not required to take a drug test upon employment, while others are.

Alderman Michael Terrell — a

state police officer — said he would take no sides in the dispute but also said the Venice officers had "no other options."

"They work their butts off protecting this city, and yet security guards on the riverboat parking lot make more money," Terrell said.

He said that police departments in East St. Louis and New Orleans use similar tactics to get the attention of their respective employers.

Echols said the commissioners are currently in the hiring process.

He said he has "bonafide" information regarding some of the officers, but declined to be more specific about the nature of the information.

"But it will come out eventually... It's gonna get a little rough. It's gonna get a little hot and heavy," Echols said.

He said he has considered disbanding the department and contracting for police protection from the sheriff's office and state police.

Bennett and another officer covered the shifts missed July 3 and 4, and state police were on standby in the case of an emergency, Bennett said.

black stringy hair.

The car seen outside her home was described as a maroon or red, early- to mid-1970s Ford LTD or Thunderbird.

Dietzel's daughter, now nine, lives with her grandfather, Frank Oneskysky, in Glen Carbon. He declined to comment.

"She's been doing pretty good, considering..." Agnes Oneskysky said.

"Every day I see her it makes me cry for the Ann," she said. "She has a pretty good memory for a little girl, and she remembers what she saw."

"We're all getting by the best we can."

Agnes Oneskysky said she has little hope the murder will be solved.

"I talked to her the day before it happened. She said she was scared for a little girl, and she remembers what she saw."

"It's getting too late now. If they missed something important, it's probably too late to find it."

"Her mother didn't live long enough to find out who was responsible for the murder. I see the killer arrested before my dying day."

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Department at 692-0879.

—From the Alton Telegraph

Water plant fending off river

Department of Public Health officials described the water plant as "at risk" but it continues to operate safely, said Joan Muraro of the EPA.

Company officials emphasized the water is safe to drink.

"It's business as normal," company spokesman Wayne F. Schlosser said. "We can handle the flood up to 40 feet without the water getting into the plant."

Nevertheless, the Illinois Public Health Department is "in the process of developing contingency plans to obtain alternate sources of water" if the plant is inundated, department spokesman Tom Schlar said.

He said the National Guard would be back in water by tanker if the predicted crest went out.

"We think it would be a good idea for people to set aside at least two days' drinking water."

Motorcyclists must drive to aid flood victims

Motorcycle riders are revving up support for a food drive to help people forced out of their homes by floodwater.

The Plaza/Gateway Chapter of ABATE is collecting canned food, clothing and furniture for people in flooded communities.

ABATE, a Brotherhood Aired Toward Education, is a national organization for motorcycle riders.

Food, clothing, toiletries and furniture will be delivered to the Salvation Army in Alton for flood victims, Trask said.

"We want to roll into Alton on Sunday with a tractor-trailer full of food and clothing," he said.

People can bring donations of food, clothing, furniture and toiletries to the Wal-Mart store parking lot on Illinois 143 in

"Since we're dealing with the unknown — the water has never been this high — it's better people be prepared," Tove said.

If the water plant's fortifications were breached, pesticides, herbicides, sewage and decomposing materials would find their way into the drinking water, he said.

Supermarkets have drinking water for sale.

It is always good practice for residents to keep extra water at home, Schlosser said, but added his company is not recommending people take extra steps.

Illinois-American serves about 17,000 homes in Alton, Godfrey and Jerseyville.

One of the larger customers, Alton Mental Health and Development Center, decided to store water in an old water tank. But

center staff must boil the water because the tank was not clean. Schlosser said that, in case of an emergency, the company would notify news media.

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Corporate donations for flood victims pouring in

By Susannah Webb
Staff writer

Corporate donations for flood relief are pouring into the St. Louis area almost as quickly as area flood waters.

Lori Winters, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross, said Monday she hopes the water will slow to a trickle soon, but that donations will keep pouring into distressed areas.

So far, several large corporations have come forth with money, merchandise, food, manpower, even discounted loan rates to help victims of flooding along the Mississippi and other waterways.

Winters estimates the St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross will need to raise \$2.5 million to provide relief to thousands of flood victims from Jefferson City to Illinois.

"We are in desperate need of funds," Winters said. "We will try to raise \$2.5 million. We're not even close. St. Louis businesses have always come through in the past. Unfortunately, now they have the opportunity to do so again."

On Monday, the American Red Cross was tabulating donations received last week and over the weekend. The final tally was unavailable by press time and the following represents just a sampling of the generosity and variety of aid offered by area businesses.

Famous-Barr was one of the first area companies to come forth and, as of Monday, had increased its donation to the American Red Cross to \$100,000. The money is slated to help flood evacuees with shelter and food relief.

Anheuser-Busch Inc. has donated \$500,000 to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army to aid relief efforts along the Mississippi and Missouri

river. Anheuser-Busch wholesalers also are helping distribute fresh drinking water produced at the brewery to flood victims in Missouri and Illinois. Monsanto Co. has contributed \$100,000, which will be used to provide food, shelter, clothing, household furnishings and disaster-related medical assistance to flood victims.

Shell Oil Co. also has pledged a \$100,000 contribution to the American Red Cross to assist in flood relief efforts. In addition, all of Shell's service dealers in the St. Louis area pledged last week to donate a penny of their profits from each gallon of gas they sold from July 12 through July 14.

Shell has promised to match the amount raised by its approximately 100 dealers in Missouri and Illinois. Shell employees volunteers also have announced plans to donate and distribute about \$500,000 worth of relief goods, including batteries, bottled water, canned goods and diapers to flood victims in Missouri and Illinois.

Walgreens has announced an initial contribution of \$5,000 in merchandise to the Red Cross, including 1,000 coloring books and crayons, 2,000 sandwich bags, VCR tapes, film, tape and answering machines.

Venture Stores Inc. has placed collection boxes in all its St. Louis stores in hopes that customers will donate canned goods, cleaning products, bedding and other priority items requested by the Salvation Army.

Boatmen's Bancshares Inc. has announced a flood relief program that offers flood-related loan payments and expedited loan applications.

Boatmen's is accepting clothing and blankets at all locations for distribution to area flood victims. All branches have

information available on federal, state and county flood relief programs.

Mercantile Bank also is offering to defer loan payments and other forms of financial relief for customers severely distressed by the region's flooding. Mercantile Bank is underwriting a benefit concert by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra scheduled for July 18 at the Fox Theatre with proceeds to benefit Red Cross flood relief efforts.

McDonnell Douglas is providing the city of St. Charles with the company's mobile emergency operations center. The 50-foot trailer, operated as a self-contained, self-powered command, control and communications center and is being used by the St. Charles Police Department to direct flood relief activities from McDonnell Douglas property on Highway 94 in north St. Charles.

PetCare Superstores is coming to the aid of the animal population affected by the flood, providing free pet food to needy pet owners and coordinating temporary foster homes for pets whose families cannot care for them.

The Greater St. Louis Automotive Association Inc. is donating \$5,000 and the use of all members' dealerships as collecting stations for canned food.

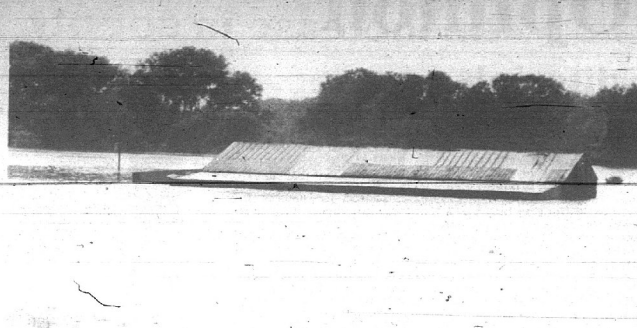
Crown Optical is offering free eye examinations and eyeglasses to flood victims. Persons who have lost their glasses as a result of the flood can pick up a free pair at any American Red Cross disaster relief center, Salvation Army shelter or at any of the following Crown Optical locations: 3516 Lemay Ferry Road in South County, 560 Mid-Rivers Mall Drive in St. Peters, 965 N. Highway 67 in Florissant and 406 E. Broadway in Alton.

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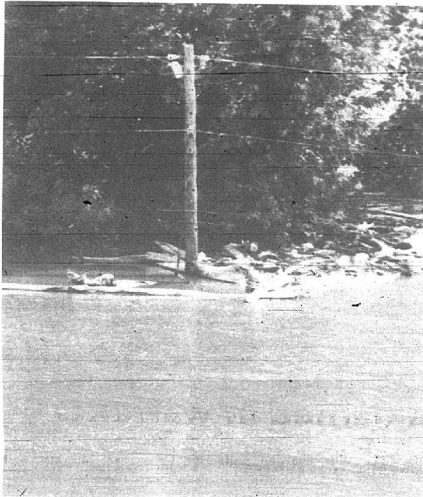
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Chouteau Island is under 12 to 15 feet of water in most places after the island's levees broke a week ago. Above left, a camper floats in the water along what formerly was a road. At right, only the roof of a barn is visible above the water.

(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



A utility pole catches debris floating on Chouteau Island from the river.

Gore visit provides a look at 'media circus'

GRAFTON — The visit of Vice President Al Gore was more than just a show of support.

For most residents, the visit provided a media show of the national press corps in action.

"I think the media circus is great," Mary Jones said. "This is quite a little town, and some thing like this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

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for the river to reach 43.3 feet today, 43.9 feet Friday, 44.5 feet Saturday and crest at 45 feet Sunday.

"So Sunday, I'll either be a hero or a bum," Greathouse said.

"Our levees were built to hold the river to 32 feet, but that was for 52 feet one day, 50 the next and so on."

"The river was supposed to go up and right back down."

"But the Corps tells me the river may stay at 45 feet for a while — maybe four or five days — and our levees weren't built with that in mind."

"It could be a problem — no one really knows if they can hold that kind of pressure. Right now, though, we look like we're in great shape."

Greathouse said he inspected all the levees again this week, and the Corps of Engineers has been watching the levees constantly.

He said that, on Wednesday, the state sent down a team of engineers to inspect the levees as well.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has established a disaster application center for Madison County at Alton High School.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-12th District, applauded the Clinton Administration for its quick action in making the disaster area declarations.

"The river has yet to crest in many areas south of St. Louis and it is too early to tell how much damage we will see in the coming days," Costello said.

"For those areas already affected, (Wednesday's) announcement brings some relief to residents trying to rebuild their lives."

Costello said he toured every county in his district during the last week in order to talk to local officials and see the flood-stricken areas first-hand.

Costello toured Granite City last week to view some of the sanitary sewer line breaks caused by the high water. City officials have estimated repair costs at about \$650,000.



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Opinion

Editorials

For garbage: Shop locally

Residents of Madison are getting ready to face a tough question: Can short-term savings outweigh long-term benefits?

If the decision is based on a purely monetary point of view, there is little doubt that Madison should get out of the garbage collection business. Even though the city owns its three garbage trucks outright and even with its current agreement that allows dumping at no charge, the city cannot really compete — either financially or in efficiency of operation — with nationwide waste hauling firms that have fleets of trucks and company-owned landfills.

But while there is no doubt that getting out of the garbage collection business would save the city money, it would be a mistake for Madison to start contracting for garbage collection.

By collecting its own trash, Madison is able to employ at least three workers who live in the city, shop in the city and pay taxes in the city. The workers for a national firm could live anywhere.

Persons who live in the community they serve provide better service because they have a stake in the success of the operation. A worker who goes home to St. Louis County every night will have less sense of responsibility than the worker who faces the wrath of his or her neighbors if the job is not done right.

A city-operated collection service is able to react to the specific needs of the community. Schedules can be adapted to meet precise needs and the efforts of the department can be concentrated in areas when the need arises.

But, since Madison is in dire financial straits, the only way to keep the city in the garbage collection business is to begin charging a collection fee.

Why should citizens have to pay for a city service? Well, through taxes, the citizens pay for all city services. Under the current tax rates, and rates, the city cannot afford to continue collecting its own trash. Even though it would be cheaper, even if the service is contracted out the chances are good that taxes would have to be increased or a fee charged.

If citizens must pay more for a specific service, a user fee is the fair way to do it. If a user fee is charged, the extra money should be used in a way that will best benefit the community. The community will best benefit from local service with its many advantages.

There is an old adage: Buy cheaply and you pay dearly. Although the price is higher, the citizens of Madison should agree to help bear the cost of local garbage collection through a user fee. The added values of quality and community benefits will make it a bargain in the long run.

800 pound gorilla is wearing a corpone grin and cowboy hat

(Carol Clarkin writes this weekly column for the Edwardsville Journal.)

Nearly a year ago, I wrote (in jest, of course) of H. Ross Perot's indecision about his presidential candidacy.

At that time, he was in his "will ya will or will ya won't be America's baby" mode.

I expected him to simply go away. Silly me! When he didn't, he returned to the game. I figured that — following his less than suspicious showing in November — he'd slide back into the woodwork as most third-party candidates are wont to do.

Well, it's not the first time I've been wrong, and I'm sure it won't be the last. He's back. In spades.

Bernard Schoenbaum's New Yorker cartoon in late June says it pretty well — a guy watching TV says to his wife, "Lately, I've begun to feel that our \$15 is getting us more Perot than we bargained for."

I'm still trying to figure out what's so appealing to some folks about that corpone grin, those loving-cup ears and those banal one-liners.

Perhaps I'm oversimplifying, but I've concluded that his political persistence boils down to ego, pure and simple.

He thoroughly enjoys the limelight, center stage. And he has the spare time and big bucks to command a certain degree of that kind of attention.

When Ross comes to town, he can still attract a crowd, of sorts, to hear him speak.

When he buzzes into Washington, the powers-that-be may not roll out the red carpet, but he can bank on the fact that there'll be a congressional ear or two bending in his direction.

In spite of flurries of complaints and suspicions about the operations of some of his campaign offices last year, including possible violations of federal laws governing disclosure statements from former Perot followers, "United We Stand America" still has its share of loyal members.

Rumor has it that the organization's membership is again growing. And those who claim political expertise believe that the basic reason for the disillusionment of American voters with the two major parties.

These people feel that neither Republicans nor Democrats are truly solving the nation's very real and troubling problems.

Further, both parties are well aware of that public dissatisfaction, the experts tell us, and Perot is searing the pants off them.

I hope the experts are right on that one. Maybe then they'll all stop acting like the public perception of the "typical politician" and get down to serious business.

What bothers me most about Perot is — he's canny enough to know what works best of us — he has no viable solutions.

"Getting under the hood and fixing it" and "let's just do it" may sound warm and folksy, but we're not getting a battered Model-T in operative order or raising money for the cheerleading squad by having a bake sale.

Recently, I read that Republican political strategist Ed Rollins had warned his party to beware of buttering up Perot or associating themselves too closely with some of his positions.

Rollins quite wisely told them they'd be playing with fire if they did, and that it might well come back to haunt them in the '94 elections.

He did, of course, suggest that they (the GOP) attempt to woo Perot's supporters and that's good advice, too.

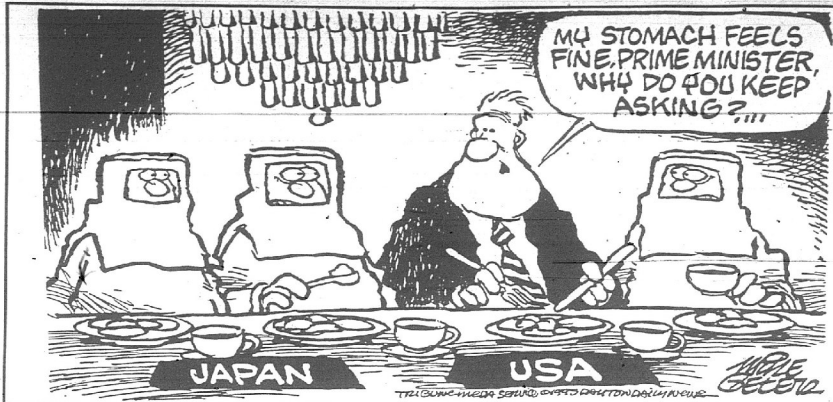
Rollins urged Republicans to be more openly critical of Perot positions which he deemed "irresponsible" — good advice for Democrats, too, I'd guess.

"The guy's getting a free ride. Everybody's scared of him. They treat him like he's an 800-pound gorilla," Rollins is quoted as saying.

I'd buy that.

On a personal level, I'd be happy to see Ross-head back to Big D and settle down permanently.

I wish him no harm; but to me, he's an 800-pound gorilla; he's just all hat and no cowboy.



Help by neighbors easing flood disaster

(Alton Telegraph comment)

Today, and probably for several days to come, the waters of the Mississippi River are rising slowly in Calhoun County, Alton, downtown Alton and Chouteau Island. Floodwaters are pouring unchecked over the levees into West Alton. In the periodic and unpredictable battle between development and nature, nature is once again showing who's boss.

Up and down the Mississippi Valley, river communities are facing devastating flooding.

Water levels are nearing and may equal the flood of 1973, the benchmark in the modern history of Mississippi River flooding.

Our guest

As disasters go, floods usually spare lives. But this rare spell else by the time this rare spell of mer flood is over, thousands of people will have been driven from their homes; damage to residential, business and agricultural properties will be counted in the billions of dollars.

Coming as late in the season as it has, the flood will have lingering effects, perhaps preventing farmers from planting crops for fall harvest and pressuring

home owners to make repairs or even rebuild before yet another turn of the seasons.

As always, in the midst of the heartache and economic devastation that flooding fosters, there are many stories of selflessness and compassion.

Volunteers, individually or coordinated by the Red Cross and other agencies, have again offered assistance in Alton, just as they did during the earlier spring flood.

And for days before the effort was declared doomed, hundreds of volunteers worked around the clock to sandbag the levees that protect West Alton. Many of those volunteers knew no one in the tiny rural community but

were simply responding to news reports appealing for help.

The crisis is far from over. Rivers will not crest until early next week. And if rain continues, the levels of those projected crests may be delayed and be yet higher.

In the coming days and weeks, many of our friends and neighbors will need help and support to get through the physical, financial and emotional trauma of this flood.

The people of this region have already demonstrated that they're willing and able to lend a hand. We're confident that the dimension of this disaster will bring out a proportionate spirit of compassion.

History will judge President Clinton on the big issues

(By U.S. Sen. Paul Simon)

The first questions in one of my recent town meetings were:

"How much I pay for my haircuts?" And what did I think of President Bill Clinton's "haircut episode."

I replied that I pay \$10 for my haircuts and that the president had made a mistake.

There is a tendency to focus on the small and easily understood mistakes that a president makes, and not look at the big picture. Of the major items on which history is likely to judge him, I think this president has done well.

Outside of foreign affairs, where the new president has yet to make a clear stamp, on the domestic side there are three significant positive areas:

He has shown courage in tackling the federal government's deficit.

For too many years, both political parties have ducked on this, an issue that is so vital to the future of our nation.

History's high marks or low marks ultimately are likely to rest on the deficit question more than anything else.

The nation's serious need for a rational health-care system is being addressed.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is heading this effort for the president, and Democrats and Republicans alike in the Senate have been impressed by her seriousness and her grasp of the matter.

After much struggling during the latter half of this year, either later this year or early next year the nation probably will emerge with a better health-care plan for all our citizens.

3. The president has shown a

real commitment to move forward on education, which is key to the future of the nation.

Education has received plenty of lip service but too little solid attention.

One of the student loan program, for example, the president has mastered the issues involved and has shown a courageous willingness to take on the powerful financial forces that receive subsidies under the present program.

He is trying to improve student assistance in ways that benefit taxpayers, students and their families. It will be interesting to see if the lobbyists for the banks and secondary markets win this one, or if the students and taxpayers win.

The president has been solidly on the right side.

Those three major issues — the deficit, health care and edu-

cation — along with matters like the environment — will determine the future of the nation, and on these history will make its judgment.

I am old enough to remember when President Harry Truman got into regular trouble with the media over some small matters he mishandled, and there is no question he mishandled some.

But today, Harry Truman stands high in history and the smaller things are all but forgotten.

Obviously, President Clinton should try to avoid these small but symbolic mistakes.

But history will judge him for his doggedness in pursuing the causes that can change our future for the better.

And my instinct is that the first few months indicate that he will receive favorable marks on these.

Letters

19 handicapped taught to swim

TO THE EDITOR:

I thank all those who volunteered their time and effort in teaching the physically handicapped swim program sponsored by the American Red Cross, Tri-City Chapter.

Our students this year were Larry Avery, Linda Bauer, Tyler Campbell, Doug Durr, Beth Greus, Dane Gunderson, Jamie Haug, Julia Hays, Torrie Henderson, Pamela Jackson, Jed Jacob, Molly Kirksey, Adam Myint, Dejah Myint, Michelle Odom, Travis Penekamp, Jamie Prater, "P.J." Stewart and Emily VanLueven.

We had an excellent group of teaching volunteers who gave freely of their time, enabling all our swimmers/students to master difficult swimming skills.

Those who made the program a huge success were Nikki Labovoy, Ron Labovoy, Marissa Laughlin, Stacy Manning, Pat McAmish, James Myint, Nikki Petrillo, Michelle Raynor, Stephanie Smith, Randy Werner, Deanna Whaley and Rich Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burns contributed their pool and facilities for the program. Our thanks also to Jerry Cafarella and the Pepsi Bottling Co. for their continued support and donation.

Once again, we, of Granite City and the surrounding area, can be extremely proud of our caring citizens who give of themselves for the good of others.

JOANNE K. HIGGINS
Program Director, Granite City

Crime computer may be misused

TO THE EDITOR:

This is to inform you of

everything I have found out about "Nixons National Computer" and how it can be used, and all the things that are wrong with it.

I don't think it is here yet. I do not know.

1) The police let certain groups have access to the information on the records of the computer, for a neighborhood watch system. That is not a good idea.

2) This neighborhood watch is made up of almost everybody in the neighborhood, which also contains the next ones that will commit a crime themselves. What would happen if they went to these priests that are in trouble at this time, and ask them to join a neighborhood watch thing, if you get my point?

3) A machine cannot feel remorse. For example, the man that suffered so much seeing his wife in pain with cancer, the strain was too much for him and he killed his wife to be merciful.

The national computer does not tell the circumstances of court cases. All it would say is "murder." Of course, he did something against the law, but he would not be the type to run up and down alleys looking for someone to kill.

4) A decision that is made in a courtroom cannot be copied on a fact. It's supposed to be looked at as "reasonable doubt."

Our courts were devised by ingenious Philadelphia lawyers, only to be downed by group leaders that don't even know where to go to pay a parking ticket.

5) Our laws say nobody can be punished more than once for the same offense.

The punishment never ends for people in the computer who get harassed by groups. These groups want a perfect thing when there is no such thing as anything being perfect. So we can't have a perfect law.

6) Because of plea bargaining,

a state's attorney will bargain with a suspect and say, "If you go to jail, you might go to jail, but if you plead guilty, you will get off with a small fine," or whatever. But what the state's attorney doesn't say is what you will be put on the national computer and be harassed to death, and all of the time the person might be innocent.

7) A lot of the things that are of police interest that do not have to be reported and things that are not even been to court. Some are only suspicions that a crime might have been committed by a person, and you will be hit at by these groups as being guilty in fact, and they do not know what in fact means.

8) These groups are making the same mistake that Governor George Bush made when he purchased a reward to anyone who gave a reward to anyone that reports a crime, and they're being real generous with our tax money.

All that does is set things up for a mistake. A small group of three or four people will get together and tell a lie on someone and pretend they do not know each other. Then they split the reward money as a reward.

JOHN CLOSE, Belleville

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Lifestyle

Reunion draws classmate from Australia



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 901-6266.

Laura Reynolds of Kankakee has returned to her home after spending a month visiting in the home of her sister, Susie Horton on Maryville Road.

Carol Smith, coordinator of the Better Breathers' Club, accompanied a few members on a trip to Shaw's Garden last Wednesday. They rode on a train through the garden of flowers and ate lunch in the Shaw's Garden restaurant. The group making the tour was made up of Dottie Martin, Essie Campbell, Kenny Lane and Imogene and Pearl Kalamaduski.

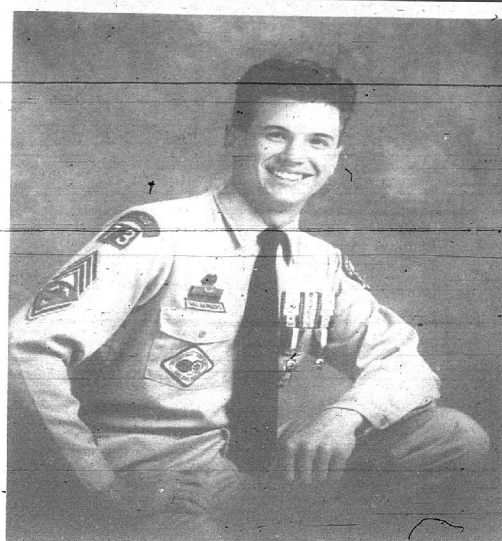
Arvallee Kerr and son David Kerr of Jacksonville, Fla., visited one day last week in the home of Dorothy Watson and daughter Janet on Paul Avenue. Arvallee and Dorothy had not seen each other for 31 years.

Helen Galloway was the honored guest Friday evening at a birthday party hosted by Tom and Kathy Green Sr. Other guests present were Wanda Dawson, Kathy L. Green and daughters Kourtney and Kerri; Robyn Campbell and daughters Christina and Linda; Watson; Maxine Green; Mickey Sprague; Becky Green; and Dolores Holt and granddaughters Kellie and Stephanie.

The Granite City High School class of 1968 had its 25th reunion on June 26. It was held at St. Gregory Hall in Granite City. More than 300 people attended.

The dinner was catered by Lana and Tom Hartmann of Collinsville. Music was provided by King of Hearts. The reunion was planned by Gayle (Thompson) McCormick, Jane (Kerch) Eckstadt, Phyllis (Wallace) Talley, Phyllis (Hartman) Kelly, Carol Warren, Bunny (Nance) Haddix, Linda (Lybarger) Logan, Susan (Hayden) Taylor, and Mary Ruth Snelson.

Jim Johnson and his family flew from their home in Australia to attend the reunion.



Royal Ranger Brad Dickey



Brad Dickey, right, with his brother, Darren.

Youth of many talents wins national award

By Kevin Glenn
Correspondent

Brad Dickey needs something to do. Rebuilding cars doesn't spin his wheels anymore. Juggling doesn't do the trick. And he's running out of instruments to play.

"I eat fire and stuff," he said, but even that seems to bring a yawn from the 18-year-old Granite City resident.

Poor, poor Brad.

"I lose interest pretty quickly," he said. "It takes a lot to keep me going."

Achievement keeps him motivated, however, and his latest recognition has energized him to do more.

Brad in May was named one of eight National Royal Ranger of the Year winners.

"The official recognition — to come in Springfield this month — spotlights outstanding members of an organization called Royal Rangers."

"It's a lot like the Boy Scouts," he said. Brad's father, Dale, said the Royal Rangers, sponsored by the Assemblies of God church, is the largest boys' organization in the country. Boys from ages 4-17 meet weekly to learn various crafts, to practice military-like discipline and to study the Bible.

The national honor punctuates Brad's 14-year membership in the Rangers.

To win the award, he had to defeat members from the local level through a five-state Great Lakes regional level on numerous skill and written tests. The tests involved everything from knot tying to fire building and Scripture knowledge.

But when Brad talks about his interests, he doesn't mention compass welding or Bible quoting.

He does mention survival training that he took in Indiana, during which Rangers learned to live off the land by eating roots and such.

"If they so desire, they can eat bugs," Brad said. "The first time I went, I starved."

Since then, he has eaten a bug or two, including those feasts at parties everyone would want to do, in fact, he admitted. "It's really gross."

Brad describes himself as a people person, with most of his talent focusing on entertainment.

He plays four musical instruments: the drums, saxophone, piano and guitar. Besides that, he juggles "for the sport of it" and eats fire. He said he sometimes performs those feats at parties.

Just this summer, he began doing radio commercials for Gilk's department stores. His voice can be heard on FM stations like KSHE 95, KIX 104 and Q.



Juggling is one of Brad Dickey's many interests.

106.5, he said.

Brad said he can impersonate anyone's voice if he listens to them long enough, launching quickly into billionaire Ross Perot and President Bill Clinton to demonstrate his point.

On the practical side, he said he rebuilds car engines and does auto body work. He works two jobs, doing maintenance for Gilk's and his father's sign company.

He will attend Belleville Area College in the fall, he said.

He plans to transfer to Parks College of St. Louis University, study aviation science and become a corporate pilot someday.

In the meantime, he tinkers with his four cars and hones his other assorted skills. He said he wants to bungee jump and learn to sky dive soon.

Besides that, "I'm open to new ideas."

Laughter — it's good for what ails you

Young at Heart plans picnic for Monday

Holy Family Young at Heart met, with Margaret Kwiatkowski, president, leading prayer and the pledge to the flag.

Members voted to donate \$300 for the chapel/office complex at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. On July 19, they will have a "picnic in the park" at Shelter 2, Wilson Park, Benton Street, beginning at 5 p.m.

George and Mary Yevin will purchase and prepare the meat. Each member attending is to donate \$1 for the picnic, furnish a covered dish, and bring utensils and chairs.

Reports were given by the recording secretary, Cecelia Mance, and treasurer, Cleola Siebert.

Elizabeth McCoy, membership chairman, reported 64 in attendance and 149 members. She presented cards to new members Mary Glososki and Veranica Patrick.

Those celebrating June birthdays were Mamie Boyer, Helen Bertacchi, Jan Querie and Sylvia Onich.

June anniversary celebrants were George and Mary Yevin and Bill and Ann Zinn.

Lorraine Parkinson, friendship chairman, gave a report and a publicity report was given by Lucille Caban.

Rose Rudy and Cathy Mathes, refreshments chairmen, thanked the members for their dessert donations.

Irma Manning, trips chairman, has scheduled a trip to the Goldend Show Boat on Wednesday, Aug. 18, to see "Nunsense." The \$24 cost will include the round-trip bus fare, show and meal. Departure time will be 11 a.m. from the Holy Family parking lot.

Two dates chosen to attend the Meramec County Music Theater, Steelville, Mo., are Saturday, Sept. 18, and Sunday, Dec. 12.

Attendance prizes were won by Louise Gwadowski, Ann Giesse, Leatrice Thebeau, Irma Manning, Ann Zinn, Ann Ruder, Irene Kadenac, Theresa Weber, Cecil Cruise and Tim Dineen. Cookies, jello, tea and coffee were served.

The evening was spent in games.

Humor is a vital part of good mental health

By Brian Gross
Staff writer

Mary Philip, an English teacher at Belleville Township High School, still remembers a joke played by a student as one of her funniest moments on the job.

Philip said she was teaching a creative writing class a year ago and took the class downstairs to the computer lab. Doug, one of the students who is now in the Marines, returned to the classroom to get additional materials for the lab and was gone for several minutes.

Philip thought no more about it until the class ended and she went back upstairs to find all the furniture in the room completely backwards.

Doug had switched the students' 30 desks to face the back of the room and moved the heavy teachers' desk to the back.

After overcoming the initial shock, Philip said she laughed, and she even decided she liked the new arrangement and kept it until the end of the school year.

Philip's experience is an example of workplace humor that helps ease tension and build a community atmosphere on jobs, local counselors said.

Jan Kreuger, a clinical social worker at the Counseling Center in Belleville, said humor is second in importance only to exercise in maintaining a healthy frame of mind.

"Having a sense of humor is very helpful," Kreuger said. "I don't think people stay on jobs very long that don't have that."

Kreuger said an employee in her office would clip and post cartoons on the bulletin board to make sure people did not miss the really humorous ones for the day.

Kathleen Frederickson, a psychotherapist for the Metropolitan Counseling Center in O'Fallon, said humor in the workplace falls under the broader umbrella of camaraderie.

Office parties can be good at developing a sense of community, and then humor can be used effectively in the workplace, Frederickson said.

"Without a sense of community, humor can be biting or sarcastic," she said. "Then it conceals anger, and that's probably not positive."

Giving gifts to people who are leaving and acknowledging birthdays also help build community, Frederickson said.

"If you don't have a group of peers you feel comfortable with, you couldn't face the day," she said. "We want to please the people we work with, and you have to be able to kid each other and create a bond."

Humor is just one of the ways to relieve stress.

"You have to be able to sit back, relax and put work in perspective," Frederickson said.

Kreuger said a lot of offices are full of back-biting and people trying to get ahead, and community is discouraged.

Employees need to find ways to have working relationships that are collegial and helpful, though, she said.

"You also have to know whether your humor is accepted," Kreuger said. "There's quite a range of senses of humor, from wry wit to practical jokes."

By Mickey Harris
Staff writer

Kathleen Passanisi likes to exalt the virtues of what she would consider the perfect dog.

"You can't overdose on it. It's free. It's legal," Passanisi said. And it can be used anywhere, at almost any time.

Passanisi, a physical therapist by training, has made it her life's work to inform others about this elixir — humor.

"Humor is a natural high. It's a natural pain-killer," said Passanisi, a professional speaker who reaches thousands each year in professional and social circles with her message about the therapeutic benefits of humor.

Passanisi, who lives in Lake Saint Louis, has spoken before groups ranging from chemists at Monsanto and a group of medical personnel at hospitals all over St. Louis and the Metro East area. She also travels the country for her speaking engagements and possesses a binder full of hundreds of letters praising her work.

Basically, Passanisi teaches people not to take life so seriously — to laugh at what they normally complain about, both professionally and personally.

Being able to do so, she explained, is beneficial both psychologically and physiologically.

"Laughter is a physiological response, and humor is a psychological response," Passanisi said. "When you laugh, certain things happen in the body."

(See LAUGHTER, Page 6A)

How humor works

Kathleen Passanisi shared some information about how humor affects the body and mind:

Physiological benefits of laughter:

- Increases heart rate and improves circulation.
- Stimulates respiratory activity.
- Decreases blood pressure.
- Decreases muscle tension.
- Helps improve digestion.

- Causes secretion of alertness hormones and catecholamines. Catecholamines are chemicals in the body that work as nerve transmitters and prepare the body to act, which includes increasing blood pressure, heart rate and breathing.

- Causes secretion of tear-salt and lysozymes (enzymes that can act as an antiseptic and destroy some foreign organisms).

Psychological benefits of humor:

- Opens lines of communication and builds rapport.
- Helps decrease anxiety, tension and stress.
- Keeps one alert.
- Helps express hostility and anger in acceptable ways.
- Allows distraction from the crisis or issue at hand.
- Helps facilitate learning.
- Stimulates creativity.
- Helps to reframe situations.
- Helps build self-confidence.

'Some day you'll laugh at this...'

Most everyone who has experienced some mishap in life has been told, "Some day you'll be able to laugh at this."

Kathleen Passanisi, a professional speaker whose subject is therapeutic humor, tries to teach people to laugh a little sooner.

"There's an element of pain to a lot of humor," Passanisi said. "Humor is pain removed from pain. The key is to shorten the time if you know you're going to look back and laugh. Humor is a way of consciously seeing things differently," she said.

Often it's easier to find humor in things not so personal and then learn to find humor in your personal life, she said.

In speaking engagements, Passanisi tries to teach people humor skills. She teaches how to change a bad mood, to laugh at their pet peeves, to use an elevator that doesn't work, pantyhose that rip or women with perfect thighs.

"Life is too short," she said. "If you don't like how you're feeling, then you have to change how you feel about things. Look at what's making you feel this way. You have a choice in your perspective. You have a choice in how you feel."

Passanisi tries to practice what she preaches. And she's had her share of opportunities to do so.

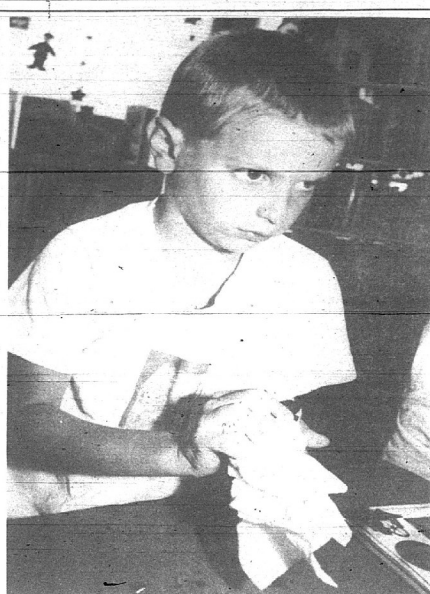
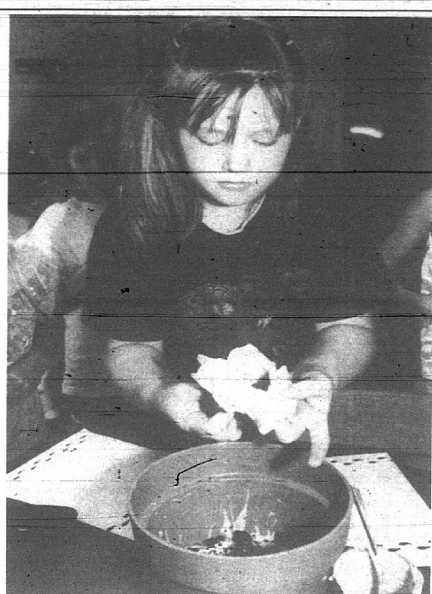
On one trip to Chicago, she arrived at the airport at 4 a.m. for a flight only to realize she'd left her purse at home. She had to board the plane without a dime to her name. Instead of fuming or brooding about the situation, she stood at the gate and announced to the crowd her dilemma.

"I came home with \$60 in change," she said. "In another instance, en route to a speaking engagement before 300 nurses at a local hospital, her car broke down in a downpour and she had to walk in the rain in a silk suit to get help. She 'belly-flopped in road grime' getting out of the car and ripped her skirt."

When she walked into the hospital, the program arranger jokingly accused her of going through the ordeal to get a laugh from her audience.

Passanisi replied, "Yeah, I try to bleed at every meeting. It's what you have to do when you're in a situation where there's nothing you can control but your perspective." Passanisi said. "If you're not stressed, it will help the situation."

"There's a lot in life you can't change," she said. "We're looking for quality in the 'we' rather than quantity. Humor is quality. It's satisfaction. It's a quality-of-life issue."



Library fun — Libraries are more than books, as children at Granite City's branch library learned when they made a "dirt dessert." In top left photo, Ashley Bywater, 10, puts pudding into the dessert pot. In top middle photo, Marie Ashby, 10, puts crushed cookies into the dessert. In top right photo, Nick Bryarly, 5,

crushes cookies. In bottom left photo, children's librarians Andi Miller, left, and Donna Asbeck, right, dish out "dirt dessert" to Matt Bryarly, 10. In the next photo, John Dickerson, 10, left, and Megan Gavlick, 6, stir up the dessert.



Budget bill on way to Edgar

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois taxpayers will keep coughing up more under a \$30 billion budget headed for Gov. Jim Edgar.

A budget vote in the Senate Tuesday night made permanent the current state income tax surcharge and ended the second-longest legislative spring session in history.

Edgar plans to sign the legislation that will now make the 3 percent individual rate and the 4.8 percent corporate rate permanent and retroactive to July 1, the beginning of the state's fiscal year. Had the bill not passed, rates would have returned to 2.75 percent and 4.4 percent.

The higher rates will provide

about \$265 million in revenue to the state this fiscal year and about \$85 million to municipalities and counties.

Budget winners include education, manufacturers, Lewis and Clark Community College, Pere Marquette State Park and children and mothers.

The House and Senate adjourned until fall about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, closing a 13-day overtime session second in length only to the session two years ago that dragged on until July 19.

The budget, which anticipates a \$200 million balance at the end of the year, was approved in time to avoid late paychecks to all but a few state workers,

unlike two years ago.

The budget, contained in a single bill, was approved after the Senate followed the House in making permanent the "temporary" income tax surcharge.

Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenwood, voted to make the tax rates permanent. Sen. Sam Vadala, D-Edwardsville, missed this year's session because of illness.

The budget includes an increase of about \$145 million over last fiscal year for elementary and high schools and a boost of about \$52 million for higher education. Some lawmakers said the state is still not providing enough money for education.

(See BUDGET, Page 8A)

Higher fees planned for outdoor permits

SPRINGFIELD — Higher fees for state fishing, hunting and boating licenses and for camping permits in state parks are on the way, with senior citizens no longer getting a free ride.

Gov. Jim Edgar has said he will sign the bill sought by the Department of Conservation and approved by the Legislature Tuesday.

The department plans to use the estimated \$2.1 million in annual revenue raised by the higher fees to reopen sites closed seasonally because of budget cutbacks in the past two years. The money will also be used to help support fish hatcheries and stocking and to hire more conservation officers.

The fee increases, endorsed by various sporting and conservation groups, will boost fishing licenses from \$7 to \$12.50, with senior citizens, who now get them for free, having to pay \$6.25.

Nonresident hunting licenses will jump from \$45 to \$50 and resident senior citizen licenses will go from no cost to \$3.50.

Boat registration fees for craft less than 16 feet long will increase to \$20 from \$12.

Residents 62 and older will no longer get free camping at state parks and other sites. They will pay half price Monday through Thursday and full price on weekends.

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2. Weight must be in proportion to height. (Final determination will be made by department physician.)
3. Possess a valid Driver's License.
4. Pass a physical examination.
5. Pass written examination, agility tests, oral interviews, a background investigation administered by this Commission.
6. Applicants must have received a high school diploma or G.E.D.
7. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE At Dispatcher's Desk at Venice City Hall from July 4, 1993 to July 18, 1993

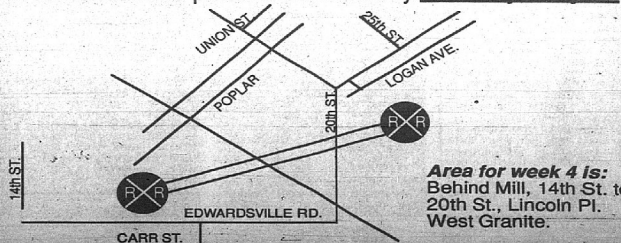
Applications must be returned no later than 9:00 P.M., August 6, 1993

ATTENTION

GRANITE CITY RESIDENTS

ONE TIME EMERGENCY BRUSH PICK-UP

Brush should be placed at curb side by: **Monday, July 19**



Brush Placed After Designated Area Pick-up Will Be Issued Citations.

The City of Granite City will resume brush pick-up October 4, 1993.

Other Designated Areas To Follow.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 452-6222

Obituaries

Lawrence Druhe

Lawrence J. Druhe, 87, of Granite City died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born April 24, 1906, in Ellsville, Mo., and had resided in Granite City for more than 30 years.

He was a truck driver for International Shoe Co. prior to his retirement in 1963, a city inspector in Granite City for eight years and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Rose (Bauer) Druhe, whom he married Nov. 17, 1934, three sons, Lawrence, Benny and Thomas Druhe, all of Granite City, two daughters, Ruth Ann Gabriel and Carol Nesbitt, both of Granite City, and a brother, Albert Druhe of St. Louis, one sister, Angela Druhe of Kirkwood, Mo.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Druhe and Katherine (Zimmann) Druhe, five brothers and two sisters.

Visitation is 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Irwin Chapel, 3600 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2506 Washington Ave., with the Rev. William Fisherkeller officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for Holy Family Catholic Church.

Anna Brockmeier

Anna (Schroeder) Brockmeier, 93, of Glen Carbon died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, July 12, 1993, at Eden Village Care Center, Edwardsville. She was born Feb. 24, 1900, in Glen Carbon, where she had been a lifetime resident.

Survivors include one daughter, Doris (Green) Lloyd of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City; two brothers, Albert and Walter Schroeder, both of Edwardsville; one sister, Frieda. Scaver of Edwardsville; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emil C. Brockmeier, who died Aug. 30, 1951; one brother, and four sisters.

Services were held Wednesday, July 7, at Weber Funeral Home, Edwardsville, with the Rev. Robert Goddard officiating. Burial was at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials are requested for Eden Village Care Center.

Funeral home changes hands

By Carol Klarkin
Correspondent

The 139-year-old Prickett mansion at 210 N. Kansas St. has been occupied by only four families since Samuel Judy had it built in 1854, and it will soon be home to a fifth.

Thomas P. Saksa became the new owner of the Mater Funeral Home, effective July 1.

"The name won't change. It'll still be 'the Mater,' and I'll still retain an association with the business," said Cleve "Mike" Mater. "But Tom's the new owner, and Fern and I are going to take more time to smell the roses. The time has come while we're still young enough, in decent health, vertical and able to smell them."

The imposing house first became a funeral home in 1937, owned and operated by the late Lesley Marks and his father, Mater. He moved to work for Marks in 1964 after graduating from a Chicago college of mortuary science and working four years for a Chicago funeral home.

He purchased the business in February 1967, following Marks' sudden death in 1966. Between 1970 and 1980, Mater also operated the Mater Funeral Home in Troy and, after selling the Troy building, now the Troy Library, changed the name of the Edwardsville funeral home to "Mater."

Mater and his wife, Fern, plan to remain in the community, and Saksa and his wife, Denise, and children Thomas A. and Jamie Lynn will move into the old Prickett home when the Matus move out.

Saksa, a native of Madison, has most recently been a partner in the Jacoby Funeral Home business in Jerseyville, formerly having worked for the Eliza Smith funeral home in Alton and Godfrey and managed the Smith Funeral Home in Beth-

Fred Orr

Fred A. Orr, 73, of Granite City, a retired chemical engineer at Shell Oil Co., Wood River, and a lifelong flying enthusiast, died Sunday, July 11, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a short illness.

Born in Newton, Ill., June 16, 1920, he moved to Granite City as a small child. At the age of eight, after his father became ill, he began working with his mother in her restaurant.

After working a short time for Granite City Steel, he was able to go to the University of Illinois, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

He married Jean Hatcher in 1956 in Granite City and began his master's degree studies when their daughter was a baby. He graduated from Washington University while working for Shell Oil, where he retired after 35 years.

He was an active member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Granite City.

After his wife died in March 1983, he returned to his first love, flying, and was flying with friends in his Piper Tri-Pacer the day before he fell ill.

Survivors include his daughter, Paula Ann of Baltimore, and his grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Ottis Orr and Cora (Wood) Orr.

Visitation is 6 to 9 p.m. today at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Blvd., Granite City, where services are set for 10 a.m. Friday. Burial will be at Travers Cemetery, Mount Erie, Ill.

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H. McClanahan

Harold R. McClanahan, 61, of Fredericktown, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 1993, at John Cochran Veterans Administration Medical Center, St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Louise McClanahan; two daughters, Terri and Glenda McClanahan; three brothers, Jessie McClanahan of Fredericktown, James McClanahan of Michigan and Vernon McClanahan of Tennessee; four sisters, Mary Jo Hale of Fredericktown, Ruth Ray of Michigan and Shirley Ledbetter and Norma Lessey, both of Granite City; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Hazel McClanahan, and one sister, Ruby McCoy.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Wilson Funeral Home, Fredericktown.

Free class on diabetes

Kathy Haarmann will be part of the teaching team in a free "Take Charge of Your Diabetes" class at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, on Wednesday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Westman Room on the first floor of the west wing.

Haarmann, R.N., B.S.N., is a certified diabetes educator and patient education coordinator.

The class will include an overview of diabetes, symptoms, management, exercise, testing and complications. A registered dietitian will present nutrition information related to diabetes, including sweeteners, fiber, label reading and fast foods. A pharmacist will speak on medications, including insulin and oral agents.

Diabetes is the number one cause of new blindness and the third leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is required, at 788-3201.

Heath screenings here

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Cardio Pulmonary Rehab and Prevention Program will offer cholesterol, blood pressure, stress checks and blood sugar screenings, plus a professional consultation on all test results, on July 15.

Wednesday, July 21, at the Wellness Center, 2100 Iowa St., Granite City, from 1 to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Persons may call SEMC's Education Resources Department at 788-3201 for an appointment.

Thursday, July 29, from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Granite City Schnucks, 3401 N. Main St. Participants will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointments are necessary.

At both locations, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure tests and professional consultation on the results will be offered for free. Blood sugar tests, blood pressure tests and professional consultation will be offered for \$1. High blood cholesterol is one of the risk factors for developing heart disease.

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Assessor

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50 percent?" Milton asked. "No, I cannot," Laub said. "More than \$212,000 of the \$250,000 to be appropriated for the assessor's office is earmarked for salaries."

That figure includes a 3 percent raise for her employees, who received no salary increase last year, Laub said.

"There are all kinds of ways we could spend the money if we get out of this particular office..." The assessor is here to give us reasons why it is justifiable to retain the office," Milton said.

"From what I've read in the statutes and I'm not an attorney...ownships that are coterminous with cities can provide street work," said Alderman Craig Tarpo.

"What kinds of services can the town fund provide to residents in terms of capital improvements? What other services can be provided should this be not duplicated service from the town fund?" Tarpo asked.

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Schools

Schools said he would reassess the matter.

Several of the aldermen said that the final assessment for the largest township assessors' office in the county, that she has reduced the number of employees in her office to nine from 15, and that hers is one of few in the state in which all employees are certified to do assessments.

Alderman Judy Whitaker asked Laub why the ongoing training and certification of all employees is necessary in Granite City Township if other assessors throughout the state do not train employees.

Laub said other assessors do not train employees because they are afraid that the employees might run against them at election time.

Laub's budget calls for \$1,000 for training.

Some townships in St. Clair County have virtually eliminated assessors, who have responsibility only to assess mobile homes.

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Laub said.

While she said that about 10 townships in rural areas of Madison County have "part-time" assessors, Laub said that hers is the largest township assessors' office in the county, that she has reduced the number of employees in her office to nine from 15, and that hers is one of few in the state in which all employees are certified to do assessments.

Alderman Judy Whitaker asked Laub why the ongoing training and certification of all employees is necessary in Granite City Township if other assessors throughout the state do not train employees.

Laub said other assessors do not train employees because they are afraid that the employees might run against them at election time.

Laub's budget calls for \$1,000 for training.

Some townships in St. Clair County have virtually eliminated assessors, who have responsibility only to assess mobile homes.

It is not duplicated service from the town fund?" Tarpo asked.

Briefly

Swim team to host barbecue

Paddlers' swim and dive team will host a barbecue on Sunday, July 18, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Paddlers' on Johnson Road. Carry-outs are available to the public. Advanced tickets and further information are available from Paddlers' swim and dive families or by calling Paddlers' at 476-1802. Pork steak plates are \$3.75 and sandwiches are \$2.50. Bratwursts will also be available.

Church anniversary Sunday

Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave., Granite City, will hold its 75th anniversary celebration Sunday, July 18, Bible study will be at 9:30 a.m. with morning worship at 10:40 a.m. A church-wide basket dinner will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. A special afternoon service will be at 2 p.m. Former pastors, staff and members will be speaking and bringing special music at the 10:40 a.m. and 2 p.m. services. All former members are invited to attend the services and basket dinner. For further information contact Betty Lewis, anniversary chairman, at 877-4328.

Post 307 elects officers

Venice Madison Post 307, American Legion, held its election of officers at the June meeting. Benny Mangiaracino, commander; Louis Martin Jr., senior vice commander; Don Mangiaracino, junior vice commander; Andy Modrusic, finance officer; Phil Martin, sergeant-at-arms; and executive board members, Vasil Tanase, Rick Barnhart, and Jack Toller. Other officers to be appointed are adjutant, chaplain, and historian. Installation of officers of both the Post 307 and Auxiliary will be held Saturday, July 31. Delegates to the Department Convention to be July 15, 16, and 17 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Peoria will be Benny Mangiaracino, Louis Martin Jr., and Andy Modrusic.

AARP to picnic today

Granite City Chapter 1340, American Association of Retired Persons June meeting was opened by president Marge Hall. Margaret Kwialkowski, vice president, led the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Lucille Caban, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report was given by Helen Berfield for Jim Kelaiah. Mike Lombardi, membership, reported 317 members and introduced a new member, Annette Edwards. He reported the pallbearers assisted at eight funerals. Hall read congratulatory letters from AARP National President Lavola Burgess; executive director, Horace Deets; and Janet Ottwell, area director; Area 5 on Chapter 1340's 20th anniversary. A thank you was received from Richard Nolan, AARP tax aide volunteer, for the luncheon prepared and served to the local tax aide group. These volunteers donate their time from Feb. 1 to April 15 three times a week at various locations to counsel low and moderate income older people. The next meeting is July 14 at 5 p.m.; it will be a picnic. Members are bringing their own dinner. Coffee and punch will be furnished. Dancing will be from 7 to 10 p.m. with music being provided by the Alley Kats. A \$2 donation per member will be charged at the door.

Women of Moose enroll new members

Granite City Women of the Moose Chapter 247 held its membership chapter night on June 8. Senior Regent Vicki Trawick opened the meeting and introduced Membership Chairman Jackie Shane. Shane gave a review of a fund-raising project and Recorder Geraldine Speece gave a report. Three new members were enrolled: Raquel Gaines, sponsored by Vicki Trawick; and Vicki Fried and Vicki Baumlin, both sponsored by Geraldine Speece. Pro-tem sponsor for the evening was Tina Medley. Other pro-tems were Sara Gusewelle, chaplain, Melissa Sewell, sentinel, Pat Macke, assistant guide, and Millie Votupal, junior regent. At a June 22 meeting, Trawick opened the meeting, Shane reported on chapter night and Speece reviewed previous meetings. It was announced that the women will hold a car wash on Saturday, July 31, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds of the Moose Lodge at 19th and Adams streets. Pro-tems for the evening were Barbara Speck, guide; Votupal, junior regent; and Gusewelle, chaplain. Refreshments and entertainment followed for 12 members.

Library hours at Mitchell School

Summer hours for the Granite City Public Library District access facility located at Mitchell Elementary School are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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Mitchell students are honored

Mitchell Elementary School students who have received the Scholastic Achievement award for the 1992-93 school year are as follows: Fourth grade: Samantha Baumann, Sunny Bolt, Amanda Coppotelli, Brittany Courtis, Amy Crites, Nicole Crites, Angela Dolosic, Sarah Doty, Cassidy Grant, Josh Holman, Pam Hunt, Jessica Ivie, Sarah Lancaster, Joshua Laughlin, Carla Lucas, Tina Maloney, Carrie McDowell, Ann McKeel, Rhea Miller, Justin Morton, Kurt Munger, Shannon Paoli, Kurt Parsons, Bradley Smith, Emily Stauff, Nicole Stauff, Jessica Vasiloff, Kara Wallace, Aaron Wallis, Anna Vene, and Charles Werner. Fifth grade: Jonathan Baker, Sara Baxter, Kim Bennett, Randy Bergfield, Chad Bridgeman, Joshua Burkett, Justin Christopher, Crystal Davis, Daniel Dill, Brynn Elias, Katie Forrester, Justin Fraley, Susan Gauvin, James Grber, Michelle Haverman, David Haynes, Jeremy Hickman, Aaron Hoback, Matthew Jackson, Jessica Lloyd, Brian Madison, Amy Niedhardt, Victor Peralez, Emily Richardson, Sara Rinehart, Elizabeth Schildman, Chris Smith, Stephanie Summers, Kim Trough, and Emily Werten. Sixth grade: Sheri Briggs, Sean Cook, Shannon Cuvar, Lisa Dill, Andrea Dillard, Stacy Ellis, Jenny Flood, Shannon Gergen, Sarah Gieson, Miya Gileland, Janelle Hanks, Tom Haynes, Kristen Hearn, Jeremy Hunter, Nicole Irbay, Marc Johnson, Jori Keener, Karen Munger, Emily Paulding, Angie Potter, Adam Schillinger, Nikki Smith, Lauren Wilkinson, Ricky Woodard, and Natalie Zimmerman.

Lake School students are cited

Lake Elementary School students who have received the Scholastic Achievement award for the 1992-93 school year are as follows: Fourth grade: Amanda Atech, Kacie Barnett, Angela Brown, David Brinkley, Martha Christian, Elizabeth Doty, Brandy Dugan, Jamie Edwards, Jayme Hanner, Jessica Howell, Chris Lewis, Chelsey Peery, Natasha Theis, Joseph Weinberger, and Rachel Williams. Fifth grade: Jessica Bauer, Amy Byrd, Nick Crites, Elizabeth Pool, Tabitha Ray, Kelly Rutter, Alan Williams, Amy Whitehead. Sixth grade: Melissa Anderson, Stacey Baker, Angela Brown, Shawn Coffman, Sean Courtney, Paul Deason, Tabitha Dusk, Melanie England, Leah Haddix, Trisha Hamilton, Bonnie Hill, Patricia Howell, Charlene Johnson, Karen Johnson, Charles Papp, Isaiah Shuck, and Dawn Stages.

Marshall students receive honors

Marshall Elementary School students who have received the Scholastic Achievement award for the 1992-93 school year are as follows: Fourth grade: Misty Bugg, Gregory Bulva, Terry Butler, Angela Clark, Nathan Dickey, Alicia Foster, Michael Hoffman, Robert Kyle, Charles Reagan, John Sappington, Kyle Smoot, and Michael White. Fifth grade: William Cahill, Jody Dellart, Rachel Hersom, Amy Lewis, Michael Miller, Whipple, and Marion Whitehead. Sixth grade: Jonathan Burns, Nicole Ellis, Leah Gambila, Thomas Haymaker, Jennifer Hitchcock, Jennifer Miller, Rachael Kaloerou, James Kudejka, Cheyenne Modglin, Benjamin Temple, Sarah Thornton, Patrick Wagoner, Matthew Yarborough, and Jeremy Yeager.

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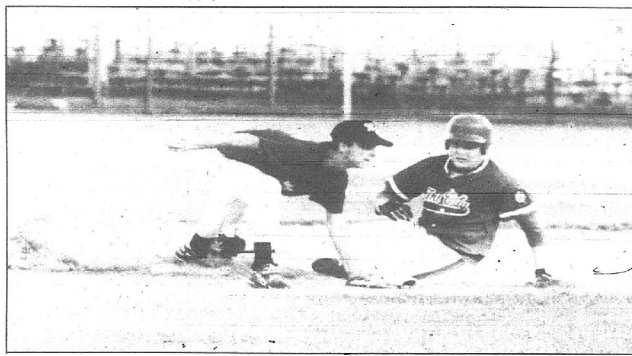
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(Staff photos by T.W. MILLER)
Action on the bases — Tr City's Jeff Luffman (above, right) breaks for third base during a recent Senior Legion game as Wood River's Nick Knight looks on. District 22 playoffs start tonight. Below, Tr-city's John Green is safe at second base during a Junior Legion game.



Chasing a dream

SIUE's Harshany aiming for pro baseball career

By Keith Farrell
Correspondent

For former Granite City High School baseball player and current SIUE-Edwardsville star Brian Harshany, success has been factored into every level of play in which he has competed. And so far his statistics across the board have not let Harshany go unnoticed. This past fall he was honored as SIUE's Most Valuable Player and for his play this summer in the Mon-Clair League, he was named as an all-star and will play in the all-star game tonight in Waterloo.

HARSHANY, A SENIOR to be at Edwardsville, hopes his efforts will grab the attention of major league baseball scouts. "I hope I get drafted next year," Harshany said. "I'm going to be a senior next year and now it's all or nothing." At Edwardsville, Harshany was 1-2 with a 3.24 earned run average. He also batted .360 with eight home runs and 35 runs batted in and six triples in 36 games.

In Mon-Clair League play, Harshany has been most impressive on the mound. He was 6-0 with five shutouts and an earned run average buzzing around one run per game.

"I think I'm having a real good year," Harshany said. "I hope I can keep on doing what I am doing."

"If I GOT drafted, I'd probably go more as a pitcher right now," Harshany said. "I'd like to go as a pitcher or third base also."

But in order for Harshany to get drafted, he knows what he has to do and hopes SIUE coach Gary "Bo" Collins will help.

"I have to keep on improving," Harshany said. "I talked to Coach (Collins) and he said that he'd help me out. Hopefully he has connections."

He also stressed that the weather will have to cooperate next year since so many SIUE games got rained out. He said (See HARSHANY, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Brian Harshany hit .360 as a junior at SIUE-Edwardsville.

SIUE's Lang, Frerker offer new twist on cross country camps

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The high school cross country season doesn't officially start until late August, but it's not too early to start training. That's why SIUE-Edwardsville head coach Harry Lang and assistant coach Darryl Frerker are holding a pair of camps for runners in grades 6-12. A day camp will be held July 19-23, followed by a team camp on July 26-30.

BOTH CAMPS RUN from 6-8 p.m. at the SIUE track, located behind Bob Gueller Soccer Field off Bluff Road on the SIUE campus.

"We're trying to help athletes set themselves up before the cross country season," Lang said. "The camp gets them started, then they have two weeks on their own before high school practice starts in the middle of August."

Then there's another two weeks before the first meets. That's a really good time frame.

The team cross country camp is a new concept. "Cross country does a great job of keeping track of the individual, but sometimes the team gets lost," Lang said. "This camp is an effort to promote more of a team feeling."

"YOU VISUALIZE A cross country as a singular, lonely person all by themselves. But they all like to run with someone."

The fee for a five-person team is a \$250; the cost for a six- or seven-person team is \$300. There can be any combination of male and female athletes.

Individuals (\$50 fee) will be placed on a team.

The fee for the first camp is \$50 per person.

"For certain phases, we group everybody together," Lang said. "For certain activities, we'll break them down by conditioning levels."

At the beginning of each session, we'll sit down and talk

about training, running form, drinking fluids, running in heat and the negative effects of drugs and alcohol.

"WE'LL ALSO TALK about academics and NCAA requirements which is something high school freshmen should be aware of. You don't want to wait until your last semester of high school to think about it."

The second part of each session starts with warm-ups and stretching.

"We'll have running, conditioning and drills," Lang said. "Hopefully, the kids will learn the mental as well as the physical aspects of running."

Lang, who has been SIUE's

head cross country and track coach for six years, also coached four years at Collinsville High School and 10 years at Granite City North High School.

Frerker, a graduate of Granite City High School, had a successful running career at Illinois State University.

"As a freshman, sophomore and junior in high school, he played tennis," Lang said. "He didn't start running track until his senior year. At Illinois State, he was a Division I All-American in the mile."

A 1988 OLYMPIC trials qualifier, Frerker became a graduate assistant at SIUE in 1990. In the 1992 Olympic trials, he placed

10th in the 1,500-meter run. In the winter of '92, he ran the fastest indoor mile in the U.S. It was also the fifth-best time in the world.

"Darryl and I are reversing roles this year," Lang said. "The last couple years, he was running in Europe or going to races in the states and was at the camps for only a few days."

"But this year, he's injured and staying here, so he'll be at the camps every day. From July 21 to Aug. 2, I'll be in San Antonio, Texas, for the Olympic Sports Festival."

Next year's Olympic Festival will be in St. Louis, and SIUE will be hosting the track and (See CAMPS, Page 2B)

Ex-major leaguer Fiala gets to be a Cub in new baseball movie

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Neil Fiala can now add the Chicago Cubs to his list of former Major League teams for which he played.

Fiala, a former standout at Vinuney, Meramec and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, played with both the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds in the early 1980s.

HIS STINT with the Cubs was for the current movie "Rookie of the Year," which

opened in St. Louis last Wednesday.

Fiala, who is currently a baseball coach at the University of Illinois, plays the Cubs' third baseman in the film about a 12-year-old boy who becomes the ace of the Chicago pitching staff.

Fiala got the role because of his friendship with Mark Doran, who plays the Chicago catcher in the movie. Fiala and Doran played together last summer for the Midlothian White Sox, a team which won the National Baseball Congress Tournament. "Mark knew somebody

involved with the film and they were looking for some players," Fiala said. "I was able to do it because they did the filming in October and November and our fall practice was done at the time."

Fiala, who wears No. 72 in the movie, actually has a couple of speaking roles and is acknowledged in the credits (his character's name is Mullen, although the first name was never used).

THE ONLY TIME during the film in which Fiala is seen

speaking a line is on a close play at third base.

"It's not that easy to hear but if you listen close enough you can hear me say, 'No way, no way' to the umpire," Fiala said.

Fiala also is heard twice (although not seen) in the climactic last inning of the Cubs' game against the Mets for the division title.

I say "Are you OK?" to the kid after he trips on the baseball," Fiala said. "I also say 'Great play, kid' after a successful hidden ball trick." Fiala studied radio and

television while at SIU so he was somewhat familiar with the communications industry.

"I was aware of how they make films," Fiala said. "But actually seeing it live is pretty neat. I think people will enjoy it as long as they go in knowing it's pure fantasy. It's a movie for the whole family with laughs from start to finish."

FIALA SAID He enjoyed his association with director Daniel Stern, who plays the pitching coach in the film. He also became friends with Gary

Busey, who plays Rocket, an aging pitcher.

"I got to know them real well, although Gary needed some help with his baseball," Fiala said.

Fiala worked with technical director Tim Stoddard, a former Major League pitcher, and Paul Stevens, the Northwestern

baseball coach, with some of the actors' playing abilities. "I have now been able to play in the Major Leagues, announce a half-inning of a Cardinal game (a 1-2-3 inning against the Mets in 1980) and play a major (See FIALA, Page 2B)

Urban League tourney opens new gymnasium

By Steve Porter
Staff writer

Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey will bless its baby Saturday.

The school will have baptismal rites for its new River Bend Arena, which will house the LCCC men's and women's basketball teams starting in 1993-94.

EVERYTHING IS FRESH about the restored LCCC men's program: A new gym, a new coach in Doug Stotler and a new nickname in Trailblazers. LCCC is burying the Bucks, the nickname since 1971, in reviving a program dormant for a decade.

Of course, the Trailblazers aren't playing this weekend. They won't start their season for four months.

But basketball is coming to

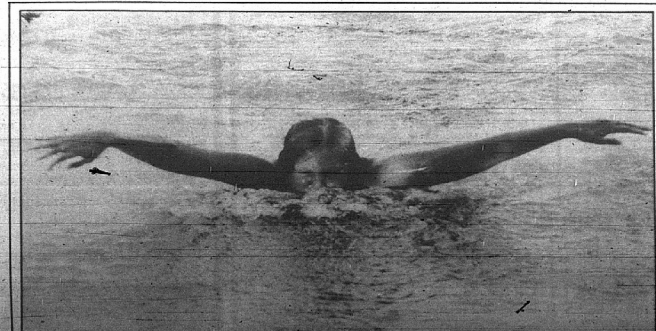
Godfrey in the form of the Madison County Urban League's Celebrity Tournament. It's 3-on-3 half-court action, so none of the competitors should wear out in a full day of hoops. The first game gets going at 8 a.m. The championship game of the 20-team tourney is set for 5 p.m.

It's an excellent way to christen the new gym and a great gesture on LCCC's part to help with a fund-raiser, said Alton's Ed Hightower, an NCAA official and chairman of the Urban League.

THE URBAN LEAGUE champions many human services programs, and Saturday's benefit is a worthy cause, Hightower said.

"We're hoping to raise \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the Urban League, which will put the money right

(See PORTER, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Winning form — Robyn Slater of Paddlers is on the way to a first-place finish in the girls 50-yard butterfly during a meet against Summerhaven. Slater's time was 43.91.

Imprints Club holding tryouts

The Downtown Imprints Soccer Club will be holding open tryouts for the boys' '91 and '93 select teams at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Tri-Township Park in Troy.

Any player born on or after Aug. 1, 1980 is eligible to try out for the '91 team. Field players and a starting goalie are needed.

Any player born on or after Aug. 1, 1984 is eligible to try out for the '93 team.

For more information, call John Suesz at 667-6177 or 667-6543.

Paddlers to hold swim lessons

Sign-ups for swimming lessons to be offered by the Paddlers will be held from 8-11 a.m. Saturday at the Paddlers pool. Each lesson lasts 30 minutes, and sessions will last two weeks. The fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.



Metro FC soccer team to hold tryouts at SIUE

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'Rookie' scores big summer family hit

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Although it's pure boyhood fantasy, "Rookie of the Year" is about as appealing as a summertime movie can get. Part of the reason is the film's director, actor Daniel Stern, who also does a small comic turn as a pitching coach. Not only is Stern hilarious in his acting role, but as director his concept of this film's place is so perfectly drawn that watching the picture is especially with your family — a delightful experience.

Thomas Ian Nicholas plays 12-year-old Henry Rowengartner, who lives with his mom in a single-parent home environment in Chicago. Henry loves baseball. The problem is, he can't play the game. When required to sub on the local kids team, Henry makes a fool of himself. When exhorting by his coach to "throw the ball home!" during a crucial

play, Henry turns around and throws the ball over the outfield fence and into someone's kitchen.

Henry slips on a baseball one day in a schoolyard and breaks his right arm. After four months in a cast, the arm heals, but through a quirk of orthopedics, Henry's arm now functions like a shotgun. All of a sudden, little Henry has a 100-mph fastball and control. This leads to a stint with the Chicago Cubs — who always need pitching — as Henry takes them to the playoffs and into the World Series. Another obvious fantasy.

"Rookie of the Year" has an appealing performance by Thomas Ian Nicholas, who keeps his character level and likable. Gary Bussey plays an over-the-hill Cubs pitcher who teaches Henry the finer points of pitching. Amy Morton is Henry's mom, John Candy is the Cubs' bumbling radio play-by-play man. "Rookie of the Year" will be



Thomas Ian Nicholas stars as Henry Rowengartner in "Rookie of the Year."

every kid's favorite sports movie this summer. It's a fun film about most kids' brightest sports fantasy. For both youngsters and adults, "Rookie of the Year" is charming, fun entertainment. It's worth at least two visits

before the summer movie season is over.

Rated PG (mild language). Running time: 102 minutes.



Pauly Shore, left, stars as Crawl, an outrageous young college student who takes the Heartland by storm when he's invited to spend Thanksgiving with a traditional-minded farm family including, from left, Lane Smith, Cindy Pickett, Carla Gugino, Patrick Renna and Mason Adams.

Shore shtick is too much for 'Son-in-law'

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

MTV's Pauly Shore made a near disastrous on-film debut last year in "Encino Man."

Shore's stock as a movie actor rises only slightly with the release of "Son-in-Law," an attempt to mainstream Shore's imbalanced, southern California frizzle-hair comic style.

In "Son-in-Law," Shore plays a college dorm supervisor named Crawl. Crawl is Pauly Shore. Shore is Crawl. It's not actually acting.

Crawl befriends a quiet, all-American girl from a small farming community named Rebecca, played by Carla Gugino. Crawl helps Rebecca ("Be-

ca," as Crawl says it) make the transition from shy high school student to perky college freshman, southern California style.

At Thanksgiving, Rebecca brings her good friend Crawl home to meet the folks. The folks are not impressed. Crawl functions as a cross between a family counselor and a drug rehab patient on holiday leave.

If you like Pauly Shore, you'll like this movie. There's no real mystery. "Son-in-Law" is Shore stretched to feature-film length.

In my opinion, that's stretching it too far.

Rated PG-13 (language and sexual references). Running time: 95 minutes.

'Free Willy': whale tale is fun for whole family

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

"This is a great summer for family movies. You can add the film "Free Willy" to your list of movies to see with the kids.

"Free Willy," which is scheduled to open at local theaters on Friday, begins with some breathtaking shots of killer whales swimming through the depths in some remarkable cinematography by Robbie Greenberg.

After that seed of interest has been planted, the film depicts one of the whales (Willy, of course) being captured by some greedy whale hunters who plan to sell the whale to an amusement park in the Northwest. You're taken next to the backstreets of Seattle, where you see a group of runaway youngsters trying to beg money and steal

food. One of them, a homeless 13-year-old named Jesse (Jason James Richter), is nabbed as he spray paints walls at a local seaside amusement park.

Jesse is turned over to a nice young childless couple who become foster parents who care about him. He is told to go back to the park and clean up his graffiti art. At the park, Jason befriends Willy, who appears unhappy with his capture and refuses to perform in the park's water show. This leads to a plot by the park's greedy owner to kill Willy for the insurance money. Jesse learns about the plan, hence the title and ultimate excitement of "Free Willy."

The performances are serviceable and the child mentality of this story is put forth nicely. Jason James Richter is a strong young actor, although this script doesn't really challenge him that

Songs spark memories for flower children of '68

By Bill Beggs
Correspondent

CLASS OF '68: The flower children who graduated from high school in 1968 and were admonished by their hippie peers not to trust anyone over 30 are considerably older than that now — by at least a dozen years.

Here are some of the songs that are bringing the Class of '68 back for their 25th reunions.

1. John Fred & His Playboy Band messed with The Beatles for a No. 1 hit in *Billboard's* Hot 100 in January 1968 — what was (were) the song(s)?
2. What band hit No. 5 in January 1968 with "Bend Sin. Shape Me," a horn-driven rock song typical for the era?
3. What was Bobby Goldsboro's sappy No. 1 hit for five weeks beginning in March 1968?
4. An instrumental, "Grazing In The Grass," was a No. 1 hit in July 1968 for whom, who hit No. 3 the next year with a vocal version of the song?
5. What was the No. 1 hit for The Doors in August 1968?
6. Who hit No. 1 in September 1968 with "Harper Valley P.T.A."?
7. The longest-running No. 1 hit of 1968 (nine weeks) that falls also was the longest (17 minutes, 11 seconds) No. 1 single to air ever — what is it?

8. Alternative-radio and MTV darlings Lemonheads recently remade a hard-rocking version of what No. 1 hit for Simon & Garfunkel from June 1968?

9. Archie Bell & The Drells, who introduce themselves in the beginning of what No. 1 hit from May 1968, hailed from where?

10. Herb Alpert was better known in the 1960s for his horn playing as leader of the Tijuana Brass, on what No. 1 hit in June 1968 did he sing? (Extra credit: How did he later make a mint of music, largely without his horn?)

ANSWERS: 1. "Judy In Disguise (With Glasses)" derived its title from "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds." 2. The American Breed 3. "Honey" 4. Hugh Masekela. The Friends of Distinction 5. "Hello, I Love You" 6. Jeannie C. Riley 7. "Hey Jude" by The Beatles 8. "Mrs. Robinson" 9. "Tighten Up" Houston, Texas 10. "This Guy's In Love With You" (Extra credit: He co-founded A&M Records)

Horoscope

Move forward decisively, and maintain focus on high-priority issues; the sun favoring Pluto does not happen every day. Thor, roughly eliminate all non-essentials. If you need and use 20 pairs of shoes, great, but if they are just cluttering your closet, do a housecleaning now. One of the basic rules of life is that one has to let go of the old before the new can come in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have tremendous power to influence others into letting you guide their funds. The energy surrounding home life supports healing. If you're planning to move, dump all excess baggage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Speak out on what you want, or forever hold your peace! A family business has a chance, but you're better off not starting it the 10th, the new moon. Traveling is worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Do as much as possible to bring recent activities to a successful conclusion; you're capable of working magic. Make sure you're not losing track of who you are. If you're feeling run down, rest.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't let others slip away; that's what telephones are for! Family members may have to make mistakes alone; advice may sail right over their heads. Channel nervous energy into several projects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sales look good on the outside, but a few are bound to slip away as well. Gemini can be an entertaining friend, perhaps adviser, perhaps romantic partner, perhaps anything — keep your eyes open!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 15). Have fun at that power breakfast! You get to be the big shot. Still, don't strive too hard or press your luck. August shows important preparations for September activities. Deal with long-term emotions in October. Taking initiative paves the road of success in November. Cooperation is a must in December. In '94, your tolerance and compassion bring rewards. In March and June, love affairs blossom beautifully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Appreciate more than one way to get the job done, then getting along with others will be easier. There is extra power behind your words. Influential big wigs would be wise to give you a lucky break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The more exciting the rest of your life becomes, the less you'll use food as an escape. You have lots to talk about. You're in desperate need of a change of pace. Strange books take you into a new world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Lots of chattering is going on around you — why not share more of yourself as well? Do anything to minimize the paper chase around the office. Some of your thoughts are definitely not meant for kids.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're just about out of energy — but not until you make one more brilliant move to vanquish the competitive infidels. If you can read this, you're smart enough to take your education to the next level.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Completing projects is a major relief, permitting you to enjoy your free moments. Rather than renting an entire apartment, rent a room from someone you know, keeping overhead down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do what you can to get others to notice you in an honorable way. Supportive energies enable you to regain your healthy body and mind. Whatever you focus on is your reality; be discriminating in tastes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Look for much profitability in investment areas. A recent relationship is about to topple, some of your cherished beliefs, all for the better. The moon in Taurus indicates a high fertility level.

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Erick Devine
Actor, dancer and singer



Devine appears as William "Buffalo Bill" Cody in the production of "Annie Get Your Gun," which runs through today at the Muny in Forest Park. Olympic gymnast Cathy Rigby plays Annie Oakley in the production.

Devine, 39, was born in Galveston, Texas. His most recent major credit on Broadway was playing a Nazi attorney named Zimowitz in "Grand Hotel."

Devine has appeared in several national and regional tours of productions such as "Cats," "Me and My Girl," "Annie Warbucks" and "Merrily We Roll Along."

As a director, Devine has worked on regional productions of "Cats," "Treasure Island," "Me and My Girl" and "HMS Pinafore."

Working with Cathy Rigby is: "Nothing but a delight. She's sweet and talented. Cathy uses a lot of the training discipline she learned as an Olympic athlete and has transferred it to working on the stage, and it shows in her work. In addition, at 5 feet tall, she's the same height the real Annie Oakley was. The real Annie was petite and feminine like Cathy, so she comes off well in the role."

This production had to be changed because: "There was a musical number called 'I'm an Indian Too' that wasn't complimentary to Indians. It might have been all right in 1946 when the show originally opened on Broadway, but it doesn't play well now. Also, some Indian costumes were specially designed by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in order to insure authenticity."

My next job is: "To direct a production of 'Most Happy Fella' in Oklahoma City. I'm also understudying the role of Oliver Warbucks when the sequel to 'Annie' opens this fall on Broadway."

In the above photo, Erick Devine plays the role of "Buffalo Bill" Cody in "Annie Get Your Gun."

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